PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services

Commercial Spiny Dogfish Landing Limits — Effective 5/1/18

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.05.24I, announces the catch limits for the 2018 – 2019 commercial spiny dogfish fishery. Effective 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2018, the commercial catch limits of spiny dogfish are as follows:

- 1. For an individual licensed to catch finfish: 1,000 pounds per vessel per day caught from Maryland waters.
- 2. For an individual licensed to catch finfish who is also in possession of a Maryland striped bass permit that has been registered in the Atlantic Ocean fishery:
 - a. That does not currently hold a federal spiny dogfish permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service: 2,500 pounds per vessel per day caught from Maryland waters; or
 - b. That also holds a federal spiny dogfish permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service: 2,500 pounds per vessel per day regardless of whether the fish were caught from Maryland waters and/or federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone.
- 3. For an individual licensed to catch finfish who is also in possession of a Maryland spiny dogfish landing permit:
 - a. That does not currently hold a federal spiny dogfish permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service: 10,000 pounds per vessel per day caught from Maryland waters; or
 - b. That also holds a federal spiny dogfish permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service: 6,000 pounds per vessel per day regardless of whether the fish were caught from Maryland waters and/or federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

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